

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/507,189

Applicant(s)

JANCZAK ET AL.

Examiner

Thuy V. Tran

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to RCE filed 03/16/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5,7,15 and 21.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

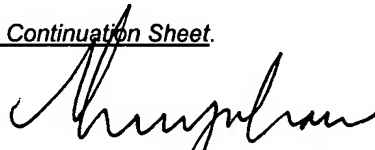
* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 03/16/07
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 20070323.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☒ Other See Continuation Sheet.


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PRIMARY EXAMINER

Continuation of Attachment(s) 9. Other: copy of Fig. 2 amended by Examiner.

DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is responsive to the Applicants' Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed on 03/16/2007. In virtue of this request:

- Claims 6, 8-14, and 16-20 have been canceled; and thus,
- Claims 1-5, 7, 15, and 21 are currently presented in the instant application.

Request for Continued Examination entered

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after allowance or after an Office action under *Ex Parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213 (Comm'r Pat. 1935). Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, prosecution in this application has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicants' submission filed on 03/16/2007 has been entered.

Examiner's Amendment

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Dicran Halajian (Reg. No. 39,703) on 03/23/2007. The amendment includes:

In the drawings:

Fig. 2, insert --2-- as a reference numeral for the power source, --3-- as a reference numeral for the capacitor, and --4-- as a reference numeral for the inductor; and

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In the claims:

Claim 1, line 6, change "connectable" to --connected--;

Claim 15, line 3, change "connectable" to --connected--; and

Claim 15, line 5, change "connectable" to --connected--.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-5, 7, 15, and 21 are allowed.

Reasons for Allowance

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Prior art fails to disclose or fairly suggest:

- An electric circuit for igniting a discharge lamp comprising a module electrically connected between discharge vessel and the at least one ignition, the module comprising a parallel connection of a second condenser electrically connected in parallel with a second inductor, the parallel connection being electrically connected in series between the discharge vessel and the at least one ignition, in combination with the remaining claimed limitations as called for in independent claim 1 (claims 2-5, 7, and 21 are allowed since they are dependent on claim 1); and
- A lam system comprising a module electrically connected between discharge vessel and the igniter, the module including a plug releasably coupling the module to the voltage source, a socket for releasably coupling the module to the discharge vessel, and a parallel connection of a second condenser and a second inductor, the parallel connection being electrically connected in series between the plug and the socket, in

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combination with the remaining claimed limitations as called for in independent claim 15.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Citation of relevant prior art

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

Prior art Jurek (U.S. Patent No. 5,945,786) discloses a discharge lam igniter with reduced noise output;

Prior art Cohen et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,355,261) discloses a discharge lamp with integral starter; and

Prior art Fallier, Jr. et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,328,446) discloses a method and apparatus for starting high intensity discharge lamps.

Inquiry

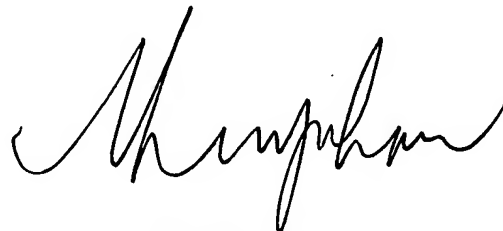
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thuy V. Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-1828. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00 AM -4:00 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Owens Douglas can be reached on (571) 272-1662. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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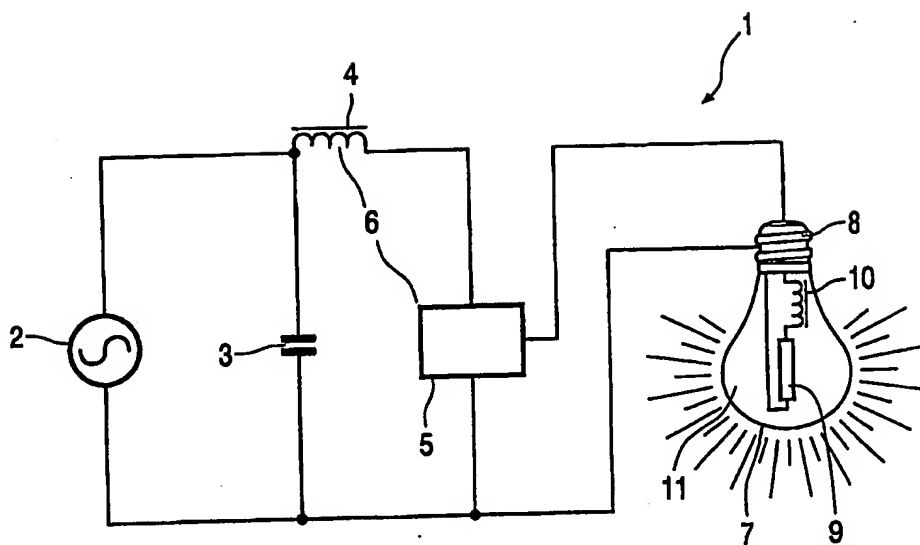


FIG. 1

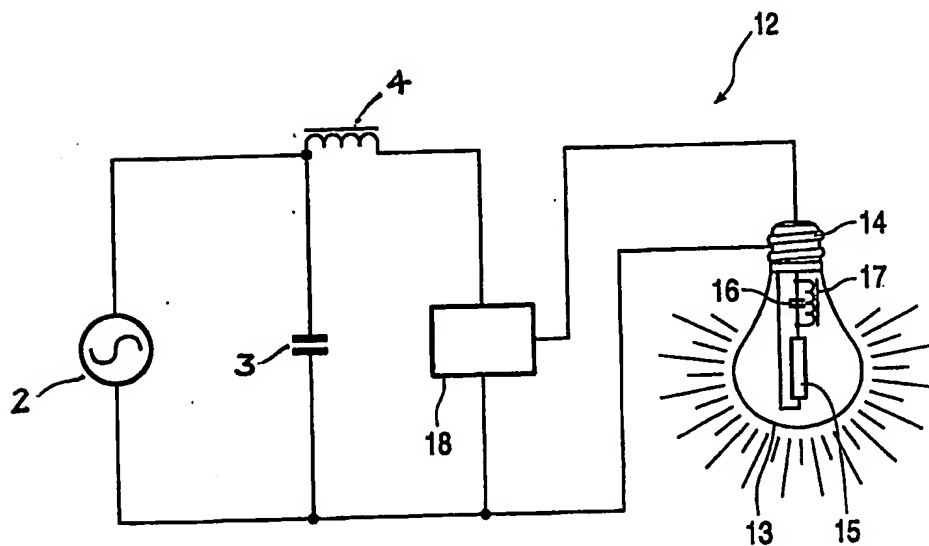


FIG. 2